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Count JOSEPH PALFFY came back yesterday from Rome and Innsbruck. In Rome he talked to Mr. Bonner who gave him a letter of introduction to Mr. Tate and Ambassador HOTTE to Mr. GIBBY. PALFFY asked me if I knew these gentlemen and I told him that I don't know Mr. TATE and I met Mr. GIBBY at cocktails. So I should like that this line should be kept also. He told me -- and he certainly tells me the exact data -- that Mr. BONNER told him that in Paris they would certainly be interested in what his plans are and this coincides with what I am suggesting with regard to him. He was deputy, always very firm in his constitutional attitude, very close to the Prince Primate, always on the Catholic political line, speaking excellent languages. He is very reliable. His brother Count GEZA PALFFY worked beautifully under the Germans had a radio in his castle etc. to send news to the Allies. Now he is deported by the Russians and in Petsamo. His wife and only son are in the States since 1937 or so. His son was brought up there.

Count JOSEPH PALFFY is mainly interesting from the point of view that he is in very close contact with the other Eastern military quarters as I mentioned also in my last reports. He had talks with Colonel RATZIU, M. KAUFMAN on the Roumanian side, and M. GUSZTI too of course. AMONG THE POLKS he met M. FALCET and GONCART. It seems that in Innsbruck a total collaboration is realized between the Eastern military migrations, and that there is a sort of "corps" organized by a General or Major (not to be confused with General ZAKO of whom I wrote also and who is at the head of the military formation "Coppas No. 30000") Count PALFFY fixed with this General ZAKO that his men accept fully the political leadership of Mr. BORCHARDT and will keep their hands off politics. This in contradistinction to General ZAKO's attitude who is the whole time working in politics. Count PALFFY does not yet know if he will not fix his permanent seat in Francfort as he believes that it is only there that fertile military work could be done.

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